

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
The White House announced a five-year accord with the Soviet Union, effective a year from now, under which the Russians would buy six to eight million tons of American grain a year. Also, President Ford lifted a two-month embargo on further grain sales to the Russians this year. The White House further announced a letter of intent, signed in Moscow, to buy up to 200,000 barrels of Russian oil a day. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The United States has reportedly assured Israel that it has no present plans to sell arms to Egypt for at least a year. The assurance was conveyed, officials said, because Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat is expected to take a "shopping list" of American arms to Washington next week. [1:2-3.]

With repression and mass arrests, the military regime that has ruled Ethiopia for 13 months has pushed the politically conscious minority into fearful opposition or into prisons. Land reform, the regime's main achievement, is said to have been carried out on 10 per cent of arable soil. [1:4-6.]

Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain, under the pressure of financial and ideological disputes, ordered an inquiry into the National Health Service. Junior staff doctors in British hospitals are protesting a plan that, they say, is cutting overtime payments to doctors who work long hours. [1:1-2.]

National

The Ford Administration proposed a food-stamp revision bill that it said would save taxpayers \$1.2-billion a year by dropping recipients or cutting benefits for nearly half of the 18.8 million people now getting the coupons. The program would eliminate 3.4 million Americans from the rolls by limiting participation to those whose net income is below \$8,050 for a family of four. It would also revise eligibility criteria, reducing benefits for 5.3 million people. [1:2-3.]

The nation's economic recovery in the July-September quarter was even speedier than experts had expected. The Commerce Department reported that the total output of goods and services rose at an annual rate of 11.2 per cent. James L. Pate, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, said the figures showed that the two-year recession was "definitely" over. [1:2-3.] The Supreme Court ruled that states may

allow teachers to spank misbehaving pupils, even over the objections of parents. However, the Court said that teachers must use lesser punishment when appropriate and also give children a procedural safeguard—such as advance warning of what misbehavior warranted a spanking. The decision does not invalidate state laws that bar corporal punishment, since the Court sets only minimum standards and states may give schoolchildren additional rights. [1:4.]

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger charged that a House committee had made "deep, savage and arbitrary cuts" in defense appropriations that, if not reversed by the Senate, would have "a severe effect" on the nation's defenses. [13:1.]

Metropolitan

The state's Emergency Financial Control Board approved a three-year austerity plan for New York City. It calls for more than \$700-million in budget cuts, thousands of additional layoffs of municipal workers and major reductions in services. The state panel agreed to the basic proposals by Mayor Beame, but added provisions to monitor the city's budget-cutting. The austerity program was described by one board official as, at best, a "Dunkirk" strategy. [1:8.]

President Ford, a high Administration official said, will reluctantly approve legislation to ease New York City's fiscal crunch provided the measure contains the stringent restrictions that Congress is expected to require. Congressional leaders expressed uncertainty on the prospects for such legislation, but the House majority leader predicted eventual passage. [1:6-7.]

The city's Board of Education announced proposed economies that would, among other things, make traveling more costly to 358,000 pupils who use public transport to get to school. About 35,000 pupils, who now pay \$1 or \$2 a month under a reduced-fare program, would have to pay full fare, or about \$20 a month, and 333,000 pupils, who would still get subsidized transportation, would have to pay \$4.50 to \$6 a month instead of the present 50 cents to \$2. [1:5.]

Various groups are advancing numerous, often contradictory, suggestions to revitalize the city's depressed housing situation. Because those proposing reforms have competing interests and conflicting views, their recommendations vary sharply. [1:7-8.]

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"It is our view that corporal punishment is both dehumanizing and counterproductive."—Irving Anker, Chancellor of the New York City public school system, in a statement on the Supreme Court ruling that school teachers may spank students even over the objections of parents. [21:2.]

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CORRECTION

The New York Times erroneously reported over the weekend that a State Supreme Court writ had been signed directing that city employees be paid before bondholders in the event of default. Such a writ was not signed by the city but was